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TO AMEMBASSY MADRID

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TAGS: ETRD, SP, US

SUBJECT: GSP, JOINTECONOMIC COMMITTEE

1. SPANISH EMBASSY OFFICERS CALLED UPON DEPTOFFS SEPTEMBER 2 TO ASK FOR BACKGROUND OF U.S. GRANT OF GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) TO PORTUGAL. DEPTOFFS EXPLAINED PORTUGAL HAD BEEN ABLE TO ELIMINATE ADVERSE TRADE EFFECTS OF ITS TARIFF PREFERENCES TO THE EC ON THOSE PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO U.S. AND, THEREFORE, MET U.S. CRITERIA FOR GSP ELIGIBILITY. PORTUGAL COULD TAKE THIS ACTION BECAUSE ITS TRADE AGREEMENT WITH EC ALLOWS IT TO LOWER MFN RATES ON THOSE PRODUCTS WITHOUT LOWERING EC RATES. DEPTOFFS ASSURED SPANISH OFFICERS THAT PORTUGAL WAS GIVEN NO MORE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION THAN SPAIN HAS BEEN GIVEN AND THAT HE REMAIN PREPARED TO CONSULT ON SPAIN'S ELIGIBILITY ON BASIS OF SAME CRITERIA USED FOR PORTUGAL.

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2. DEPTOFFS ALSO TOOK OCCASION TO SUGGEST THAT SPANISH

BEGIN TO CONSIDER WHEN THEY WILL WANT TO HOLD FIRST MEETING  
OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AND WHAT TOPICS THEY WILL WANT  
TO DISCUSS. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR SIERRA WILL BE IN MADRID  
ABOUT WFEK OF SEPTEMBER 13 AND PROMISED TO DISCUSS THESE  
MATTERS WITH FOREIGN AND COMMERCE MINISTRIES. HE MAY ALSO  
WISH TO TALK ABOUT JEC MEETING ARRANGEMENTS WITH EMBASSY  
ECON/COMM STAFF. ROBINSON

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